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FOREWORD

Obviously bare names, dates and places are not the truest family history. They are the veriest shreds of any real history. Yet they are not wholly without interest and significance. Curiosity as to them is excusable. The members of our family have never known even the few such facts set down in this pamphlet, and it seems worth while to collect them here.

Quite as obviously, too, it is of doubtful propriety to print (of other than public persons) that which *is* the truest family history. Personalities, intimate characterizations, the familiar knowledge, traditions and recollections which are the precious part of every family's history, are therefore not attempted here.

WYER FAMILY

THE immigrant ancestor of most of those Americans who spell their name Wyer, was Edward Wyer, born in Scotland in 1622. He settled in Charlestown, Massachusetts, at a date variously given as 1634 and 1640. He is first surely known to have been living there in 1658 and there, on January 5, 1659, he married Elizabeth Johnson. He was a tailor and at his death on May 3, 1693 he is noted in the town record as "an aged Scotsman". His will disposed of a house and four acres valued at 150 pounds sterling.

The third child and second son of Edward Wyer was Robert, born in Charlestown, February 10 or 16, 1664. He was at different times a tailor and an inn-holder and died in his native town November 14, 1709. His estate, divided in 1725 inventoried 871 pounds sterling.

Robert Wyer married first Elizabeth Fowle, April 26, 1688 who died without issue on January 20, 1689, and second, Ruth Johnson in 1692 or 1693.

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The tenth and last child of Robert Wyer and Ruth Johnson was Eleazer, born in Charlestown, September 6, 1709. In September, 1732, he married **Third generation** Abigail Shepherd. He is called a joiner on various local records, perhaps a ship carpenter as he died at sea in 1739.

Eleazer Wyer and Abigail Shepherd had but one son, Robert, born March 6, 1736-7. He was a sailmaker, **Fourth generation** lived in Boston and there married Sarah Wintenon or Vintenon in 1764 (intention declared July 5, 1764). The date of his death is unknown. It was before 1789 as in that year his mother-in-law's will (Suffolk wills 19391) refers to his wife as a widow, and after 1775 as Wyman says that Robert Wyer in that year joined with his uncle William in a deed.

The first child and only son of Robert Wyer and Sarah Wintenon was William Otis Wyer born in Boston in 1765. In April 1793, he was married to **Fifth generation** Eliza or Betsy Smith of that city, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth Robins Smith. His mother deeded to him "half a house in Cold Lane," Boston, in 1796 (Suffolk deeds, 184 : 234); he owned and occupied a dwelling on North street, Boston, value \$1000, in 1798. He occupied, with others, a store on Doan's wharf in 1798 and appears in the Boston directories for 1803 and 1816 as a sailmaker. He lived with his family in Beverly, Massachusetts, 1804-6 and one of his children was born there. Five of his children were baptized in the Brattle Square church, Boston. Nothing certain is known of him after 1816.

From this point the line of each male child will be fully extended and the account of each female child will be carried to either death or marriage. **Sixth generation** The children of William Otis Wyer and Eliza Smith are as follows:

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- 1—William Otis, born 1794; died 1797.
- 2—Eliza Smith, born 1796; married September 4, 1819 at Beverly, Massachusetts, John Haskins Ladd. Her home was at Alexandria, Virginia, for many years and there she died in 1856.
- 3—William, born 1798. Nothing is known of him save that a family Bible says "d. in Cincinnati."
- 4—Henry Otis, born March 19, 1800 in Boston; baptized at Brattle Square church April 6, 1800; married about 1828 to Mary Savage; he was a Baptist minister, at one time living in Savannah, Georgia, and died in Alexandria, Virginia, May 8, 1857. For his children see below under seventh generation.
- 5—James Ingersoll, born May 14, 1802 in Boston; baptized at Brattle Square church June 6, 1802; as a boy and young man he was a good deal of a rover, living successively in Manchester and Lancaster, Massachusetts, Alexandria, Virginia and Georgia. As a young man (about 1825) he went as supercargo, with considerable responsibility, on a voyage to the Mediterranean and was a sailor and sea-captain until his marriage. In August 1839 he married Hannah Haskins Ladd of Little Compton, Rhode Island. He lived in or near Boston till about 1870 when he removed first to Minnesota and then to Concordia, Kansas, where he died in February, 1877. For his children see below under seventh generation.
- 6—Nathaniel Gardner, born 1806; family Bible says "lost at sea"; a family letter says that he was married and that there were thought to be children but nothing is known of him or them.
- 7—Sarah Ingersoll, born 1812; died 1817.
- 8—Mary Abigail, born 1815; married William Dean a merchant of St. Louis and died there in 1854.

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The children of Henry Otis Wyer and Mary Savage are
Seventh as follows:

- generation** 1—Henry Hartstene, born in May River, South Carolina, 1829; married Ann Eliza Powell, 1855; died in Warrenton, Virginia, 1901 after forty-nine years service in the ministry of the Baptist church. For his children see below under eighth generation.
2—James Penfield, born 1839 in the South but served as a physician in hospital service for the Northern government and died near Washington in 1863. He left no issue.

The children of James Ingersoll Wyer and Hannah Haskins Ladd are as follows:

- 1—Mary Elizabeth, born in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, 1840; never married and in 1910 living at 3 Moreland avenue in that city.
2—James Ingersoll, born in Darien, Georgia, October 10, 1842, but removed almost at once to Boston where he was educated. He served in Company F, 44th Massachusetts volunteers in the Rebellion being mustered in September 12, 1862 and mustered out June 18, 1863. He was a clerk in New York city in 1863-65; druggist and hardware merchant in Northfield, Minnesota, 1863-68, Red Wing, Minnesota, 1869; Concordia, Kansas, 1872-84; banker and hardware merchant Red Lake Falls, Minneapolis and Excelsior, Minnesota, since 1884. Since 1895 the family home has been in the latter village.

Married (1) in New York city, June, 1868, Rosalie E. Shear, who died in Concordia, Kansas, December 15, 1872. (2) in Concordia, Kansas, December 31, 1874, Allie E. Glenn, living in 1910. For children see below under eighth generation.



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- 3—Sarah Gardner, born Boylston, Massachusetts, 1845; married February 15, 1869 to George L. Farwell of St. Paul, Minnesota. Living in 1910 at 3 Moreland avenue, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.
- 4—Caroline Emerson, born Newton, Massachusetts, 1851; died in infancy.

The children of Henry Hartstene Wyer and Ann Eliza Powell are as follows:

- 1—Mary Hartstene, born Springdale, Virginia, 1856; married James P. Jeffries, Warrenton, Virginia, 1879, which city is her present home. Eighth generation
- 2—Henry Otis, born Lynchburg, Virginia, 1858; died 1859.
- 3—Walter Penfield, born Goochland county, Virginia, 1860; a teacher living unmarried at Warrenton, Virginia.
- 4—John Powell, born Goochland county, Virginia, 1864; died unmarried in Washington, District of Columbia, 1905.
- 5—Henry Halsted, born Warrenton, Virginia, 1870; died unmarried 1906.

The children of James Ingersoll Wyer and Rosabel E. Shear are as follows:

- 1—James Ingersoll, born Red Wing, Minnesota, May 14, 1869; married May Tyner, Concordia, Kansas, May 3, 1894. For children see under ninth generation.
- 2—Ernestine, born Red Wing, Minnesota, March 4, 1871; married Charles Leon Mears in Excelsior, Minnesota, June, 1897. Living in 1910 in Alameda, California.
- 3—_____, born Concordia, Kansas, November 1, 1872; died in infancy.

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The children of James Ingersoll Wyer and Allie E. Glenn are as follows:

- 1—Mabel Kate, born Concordia, Kansas, October 20, 1875; married John H. Rowe of Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 26, 1905 and now living in that city.
- 2—Malcolm Glenn, born Concordia, Kansas, August 22, 1877; married Charlotte M. Spalding of Lincoln, Nebraska, July 25, 1906. For children see below under ninth generation.
- 3—Arthur, born Concordia, Kansas, April 25, 1879; died July 19, 1879.
- 4—Ralph Emerson, born Concordia, Kansas, December 21, 1880. Living unmarried at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1910.
- 5—Ruth, born Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, January 22, 1886; married Edward Russell Greer of Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 7, 1910 and now living in that city.
- 6—Harvey Glenn, born Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 6, 1891.

The children of James Ingersoll Wyer and May Tyner

Ninth are:

generation 1—William, born Concordia, Kansas, April 3, 1895.

2—Margaret, born Lincoln, Nebraska, April 28, 1900.

The children of Malcolm Glenn Wyer and Charlotte M. Spalding are:

1—Madeline, born Iowa City, Iowa, June, 1907.

2—Frances, born Iowa City, Iowa, June, 1910; died November 24, 1910.



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